



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held October 23, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslavsky:

“On October 21, 2007, numerous fires broke out throughout Los Angeles County which resulted in the loss of property. The disaster site remains unsafe, unusable and has had a negative impact on businesses and individuals. Economic assistance is necessary for those businesses and individuals who may not be able to recover from this disaster. These conditions necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within Los Angeles County.

“These disasters will require continued emergency response operations to ensure the safety of the public and all response and recovery personnel, including fire, law enforcement, and other personnel as response and recovery activities occur. Once the causes of these fires have been identified, mitigation measures must be made to avoid reoccurrences of such events in the future.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5, that an emergency situation exists and ratified the attached proclamation of a local emergency made on October 21, 2007, for the Los Angeles County Fires event on October 21, 2007. This proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board;
2. Approved and instructed the Chief Executive Officer to sign, upon Board approval, the attached proclamation of a local emergency for Los Angeles County;

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3. Instructed the Chief Executive Officer to:

- Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout Los Angeles County; and
- Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; and

4. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to place on the Board's agenda a review every two weeks of the need to continue the emergency proclamation while emergency restoration actions are being taken.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITH A REQUEST
FOR A GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION AND A PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION
BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empowers the Chief Executive Officer of the County of Los Angeles to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer finds that on October 21, 2007, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose as a result of numerous fires in the County of Los Angeles which conditions are beyond the control of local resources; and


WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Chief Executive Officer of the County of Los Angeles a local emergency exists within Los Angeles County and shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the County of Los Angeles and request the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the County; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

Date: October 21, 2007



WILLIAM T FUJOKA
Chief Executive Officer